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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the June 3, 2002 Official Action in the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 9-10, and 13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for [manipulating] labeling genetic material, the method comprising:

- a) disrupting cells so as to liberate genetic material contained in the cells;
- b) contacting the genetic material to a column in a manner to cause

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